

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

**Purchasing Office  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 49

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**Subject:** Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a contract with TEXAS SOLAR POWER CO., INC., Austin, TX., to provide photovoltaic system installation services in an amount not to exceed \$99,293.61.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for Austin Energy.

**Fiscal Note:** There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** Sandy Calles, Buyer Sr./ (512) 322-6487

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of two bids received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

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This contract will provide photovoltaic system installation services for five school facilities located in the Austin Energy (AE) service area. A separate solicitation has secured the purchase of photovoltaic modules for this project.

The project supports AE's commitment to renewable energy by fulfilling one of the goals stated in AE's 2003 Strategic Plan and generating Renewable Energy Credits. A total 11.5 kW in demand savings is expected. The plan calls for AE to implement a highly visible public awareness and education program that will involve the installation of PV projects at schools, branch libraries, and community centers. The energy improvement will save an estimated 20,437 kWh per year and produce an estimated 20 renewable energy credits per year. These savings are equivalent to an estimated 22,833 vehicle miles traveled, the removal of 3 cars from our roadways, or the planting of 446 trees or 22 acres of forest in Austin's parks. Installation of this equipment is planned to be completed by October 2007.

MBE/WBE solicited: 0

MBE/WBE bid: 0

**PRICE ANALYSIS**

- a. Adequate competition
- b. Thirty-four notices were sent. There are no known MBE/WBEs available for these services. Two bids were received.
- c. This is the first contract of its type; therefore, there is no bid history available.

**APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION**

- a. Lowest bid received.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with Austin Energy's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.